

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority  
Minutes of the Meeting – July 23, 2013

Present: Hart, Hultgren, Cournoyer, Painter, Paterson (MDP), Hossack (Hunting Lodge Road)

The meeting was convened at 10:30 AM.

The May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and no corrections made.

Route 275 pedestrian/bicycle concerns – nothing new, still waiting for a report from DOT Traffic.

Storrs Center Traffic:

A suggested stop sign at the garage exit was discussed. Members felt that placing such a stop sign was not necessary as most driveways do not have stop signs, and exiting drivers have a responsibility to enter the road only if it is clear.

The concern about the pedestrian crossings on Dog Lane near the east leg of Royce Circle was discussed. It was decided to erect an advance crosswalk warning sign on Dog Lane westbound in advance of the crosswalk.

Diagonal parking on Wilbur Cross Way in the next few months was discussed. Due to the large amount of construction traffic, and the lack of any open buildings, public parking on Wilbur Cross Way may not only be unnecessary, but somewhat dangerous. No decision was made – the matter will be taken up again at the August meeting.

Pedestrian access from 195 along Bolton Road Extension was discussed. A safe passageway is needed and this will be brought to the attention of SCA. Signs closing the parts of the sidewalk that can't be safely negotiated will be requested.

Pedestrian crossing across 195 at the new Dog Lane intersection was discussed. No action was taken as the new roads are still under construction, but this movement will be monitored.

Speed hump requests on Davis Road and Mansfield Hollow Road – no progress, waiting for classification data.

Request for stop sign at the Mansfield Middle School circular driveway. Hultgren reported that Meitzler said that there was a reasonable place to put such a sign, but a stop bar will be needed as well. The sign and the stop bar were approved.

Northwood Road house numbering issue – UConn's labeling of their addresses has apparently duplicated the numbering of the residences on the Town's portion of the road. Some type of renumbering by the Town or UConn is needed. Hart will discuss with UConn and the Town's building official to try to get a recommended course of action.

The closure of Dog Lane from 8 AM to 7 PM on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the grand opening ceremonies of Storrs Center was approved with the normal conditions (public notification and working with the Resident State Trooper).

The request for an equestrian sign on Crane Hill Road near the horse farm was referred to Engineering for observation and recommendation.

The request for a hidden drive sign for 43 Hunting Lodge road was referred to Engineering for study and recommendation.

Hossack spoke of the high speed of traffic on Hunting Lodge Road between Route 44 and Birch Road. He requested a police presence to send a message to the new crop of UConn students that will be traveling on this road this next semester. He offered his driveway and Mr. Roach's driveway as well. He said the worst times were first thing in the morning and between 3:30 and 5 PM. He said he did not want speed humps, but things that enforcement and some changes in geometry would be helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren  
Director of Public Works